

REMARKS

Claims 11-23 are pending in the present application, claims 1-10 having been canceled herein and claims 11-23 having been added. The Office Action and cited references have been considered. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as having been anticipated by Paff (US Patent No. 5,164,827). This rejection is respectfully traversed and will be discussed with reference to new claims 11-23. Claim 11 recites a surveillance system comprising a plurality of cameras including at least two rotating cameras configured to perform a tracking/shooting function and a wide angle shooting function, intruding object recognizing means for identifying a coordinate information of an object of monitoring on a coordinate space by analyzing image signals entered from the cameras, camera function determining means for allocating, according to the coordinate information of an object of monitoring on a coordinate space, to a first camera the tracking/shooting function whose field of view is a predetermined direction of the object of monitoring and to a second camera a wide angle shooting function, and camera control means for controlling the plurality of cameras according to the allocation of functions by the camera

function determining means. This is not taught, disclosed, or made obvious by the prior art of record.

According to the claimed invention, the surveillance system includes, *inter alia*, a plurality of cameras including at least two rotating cameras configured to perform both a tracking/shooting function and a wide angle shooting function. Because of this feature, the at least two rotating cameras can dynamically adapt to perform a tracking/shooting function and a wide angle shooting function, which provides a substantial advantage over the prior art, because it allows an intruder to object to be monitored with no blind spots with a minimum number of cameras, by switching the role of detecting the object being monitored from one camera to another according to the predetermined direction of the object being monitored.

In particular, in the Paff patent, one of the cameras in the system has only a tracking/shooting function, and other cameras have only a wide angle shooting function. In particular, the master camera MD trains on the object being monitored and provides information to the slave cameras, and based on this information, certain of the slave cameras will then adjust one or more of their respective pan, tilt, focus and zoom motors in a preselected manner. See e.g., col. 4, lines 6-15. Thus, the cameras disclosed in Paff cannot dynamically perform a tracking/shooting function and a wide

angle shooting function according to the coordinate information of the object being monitored on a coordinate space.

Further, Paff does not teach or disclose camera function determining means for allocating, according to the coordinate information of an object of monitoring on a coordinate space, to a first camera the tracking/shooting function, whose field of view is a predetermined direction of the object of monitoring and to a second camera a wide angle shooting function.

For at least these reasons, Applicant respectfully submits the claim 11 is patentable over the prior art of record. Claims 12-23 depend from and include the recitations of claim 11. Applicant respectfully submits that claims 12-23 are patentable in and of themselves and for the reasons discussed above with respect to claim 11.

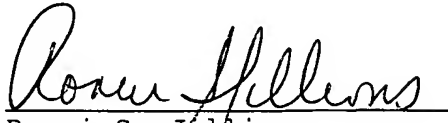
In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections of record. Applicant submits that the application is in condition for allowance and early notice to this effect is most earnestly solicited.

If the Examiner has any questions he is invited to contact the undersigned at 202-628-5197.

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